

COMMITMENT TO GRID RELIABILITY FUELS CHANGES TO LOAD MANAGEMENT



By Kurt Harris,
General Manager

To help ensure electricity is available year-round and reduce the amount of energy we need to purchase when prices are high, Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), the regional grid operator, has changed their requirements for Dairyland Power Cooperative, our wholesale power provider. This has resulted in modifications to our load management program.

Residential electric water heaters and auto-start generators enrolled in the load management program will no longer be part of the Peak Alert/Full Load Control schedule. Instead, they will be managed in the following situations:

- During a Maximum Generation (Max Gen) Event—a maximum of 16 times per year and no less than four times per year (once each season).
 - A Max Gen Event can be declared at any time of the year. Participants will receive a notice at least two hours before their devices are managed.
- Enrolled water heaters will still participate in economic control events when electricity prices are high in the MISO market, and local reliability events.

New this winter season, full load control events will be split into morning and evening events from December through February. A review of electricity peaks in the MISO system revealed that 60 percent of peaks occurred in the morning. To successfully reduce our electricity needs during the time of highest demands, electric heat units enrolled in the dual fuel load management program will be managed in the mornings, beginning at 6:55 a.m., with restoral starting at 10:05 a.m. Enrolled dairy water heaters, grain dryers, and manual stand-by generators will remain on the traditional winter schedule of 4:55 p.m., with restoral beginning at 8:05 p.m. Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) units will not be affected by this full load control schedule change.

Jump River Electric Cooperative has successfully managed

our load management program for many years. Through voluntary member participation, we reduce our need for electricity during times of high demand and high electricity prices, which benefits all cooperative members. Members who are enrolled in the dual fuel or ETS load management program receive a special off-peak energy rate. In the event of a full load control event, JREC will notify members on Facebook and through radio announcements.

As we adapt to ensure safe, reliable electricity, these changes to our program will continue to serve the best interest of all members. For more information go to jrec.com/load-management-program or call 715-532-5524. You can also enroll in this program by contacting our office.

Upcoming Deadlines

January 20 – Deadline to notify JREC at 715-532-5524 of your interest in serving on the Rules & Resolution Committee. This committee reviews the rules of the Annual Meeting and any submitted resolutions.

February 28 – This is the deadline for handing in your Director Nomination Petitions and any resolutions that are to be considered at the 85th annual meeting. Members who reside in districts 3, 4, and 9, and are interested in serving as a director must submit their director petition by this date. To determine which district you live in, please go to jrec.com/board-director-and-district-information. You can also find a list of director duties and the position outline on this page.

If you have any questions on any of the deadlines or what is required for any of the above, please contact our office.

Policy Changes

One of my goals as your GM/CEO is to review all co-op policies, ensuring they are up to date with current laws and regulations, and that best practices are being followed within our day-to-day operations. At jrec.com/bylaws-policies you will find these policies separated into three categories: Cooperative, Director, and Member. The board and management team are working together each month to accomplish this goal.

Director Joe Lorence (left) was acknowledged at a recent board meeting for receiving his Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). To earn a BLC, directors complete 10 credits in advanced, issues-oriented training from National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.



ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

This year's annual meeting comes with much nostalgia as it is the 85th year the cooperative has served its members. This meeting will be held Saturday, April 29, at the Ladysmith High School, as in the past.

Director elections will be held at this time, along with voting on any proposed resolutions that may be submitted for consideration by the membership. More information will follow in future issues of this magazine.



JREC HOLIDAY ROUNDUP

Give the Gift of **ENERGY** this Holiday Season!

Shopping for that hard-to-buy-for person on your list? Shop local this year and give the gift of energy! Contact our office to purchase a gift certificate toward a friend or family member's electric account.

KIDS AGES 2 TO 10:

Enter to win a stocking full of toys

All children of active members who are between the ages of 2 to 10 are eligible to win a stocking full of toys. Two names (one boy/one girl) will be drawn from the Hayward area members and two more from the Ladysmith/Jump River area members.

You can complete the drawing ticket below and either deliver or mail it to the appropriate location address.

**HURRY—the drawings will be held
Monday, December 19, 2022.**

- Previous winners and their families, directors', and employees' immediate families are not eligible.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) of child must be an active member of the cooperative.
- Winners will be notified, and pictures taken of each winner.

My name is: _____

My age is: _____

My parents are: _____

My telephone number is: _____

Member account number: _____

If your parents don't have a telephone, please list a number where a message can be left: _____

BOY ☐

GIRL ☐

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Hayward members: 13895 W CTH B, Hayward, WI 54843
All other members: P.O. Box 99, Ladysmith, WI 54848



GINGERBREAD "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" CONTEST

We have a fun family contest for you!

While everyone is home for the holidays, why not make a unique gingerbread home together? This activity is sure to build great memories for you and your family, and it could also win you a \$50 energy credit. We'll be giving out three \$50 energy credits, one to each of the three most creative gingerbread houses that are entered into our contest.

This contest is for members only. Please submit a picture of your unique gingerbread home to dzimmer@jrec.com along with your account number, name, and phone number. Entries must be submitted by January 6, 2023.



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CHRISTMAS WISH PROGRAM SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER

For the 26th year, WIGM 1490 AM, WKEB 99.3 FM, Jump River Electric Cooperative, along with Touchstone Energy and other area co-ops are sponsoring the Christmas Wish Program. Do you know someone who could use a boost this holiday season? Make a wish on their behalf by contacting WIGM/WKEB Radio, P.O. Box 59, Medford, WI 54451; (715) 748-2752 by fax or www.K99WIGM.com. Please include your name, address and phone number of the individual you are making a wish for, and the wish you would like granted.

Requests are being taken until December 19, 2022.

*Happy
Holidays*

from your friends
and neighbors at
Jump River Electric
Cooperative.

Our offices will be
closed Friday,
December 23 and
Monday, December 26.

BE SAFE DURING THE *HO-HO-HOLIDAYS* 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY JOLLY



Before you plan out your new holiday lighting scheme or repeat last year's festive design, keep these 10 safety tips in mind when decorating outdoors:

1

Do not toss light strands up into the air. They could get too close to or come into contact with a power line.

2

Before using a ladder, always look up and assess all power line locations.

3

Carry a ladder horizontally when transporting it.

4

Keep at least 10 feet between yourself (and any item you are holding) and a power line.

5

Do not use staples or nails or tacks to secure light strands, cords, wires or extension cords.

6

String together no more than the number of strands recommended by the manufacturer.

7

Plug all lights and extension cords into GFCI-protected outlets.

8

Use lights and extension cords rated for outdoor use.

9

Do not use frayed, cracked or otherwise damaged cords, plugs or lights.

10

Use only lights and products certified by a reputable testing lab.

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ALL TRICKED OUT FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Q: What does scary, cute, and very creative all have in common?

A: The costumes seen at the Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru events held at Jump River Electric Cooperative's headquarters and on Main Street in Hayward.

Our third annual Trunk or Treat event brought many community members into our warehouse at Ladysmith and down Main Street in Hayward where candy and other treats were handed out. We'd like to thank Enbridge, Rusk Area Chamber of Commerce, Rusk County Dairy & Beef Promotions, and Security Financial Bank who helped make these events a success as they also handed out candy alongside our employees.

A costume contest was held again this year. Winners are clockwise, starting above left: Best scary child, (Madalyn and Jace W.); best boy costume, Oliver S.; best girl costume, Keira S.; best adult woman, Amy Oebser; best adult man, Shawn Taylor; and best overall themed car, Russ Wozniak's family. Each winner received either a logoed blanket or camping chair, a bag full of JREC goodies, and of course....more candy!



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